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Responsive to the OA of 12/10/03, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-3, cancel without prejudice

Add claims 4 - 6, appearing in the Appendix Attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 4- 6 are in the application, replacing claims 1-3 which were cancelled to expedite prosecution. The new claims were drafted to avoid the Section 102 rejection over Richardson. As presented, it is believed that the new claims are all in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Briefly, our invention encompasses a method of preventing undesired duplication of a software which is not intended for a non-licensed apparatus. We do this by having in the software a blank area, which is filled with a module having a licensed user information, and then the software having the filled in blank is then executed. On the other hand, for a non-licensed use, there is no filling of the blank so that even though duplicated by another unlicensed apparatus, the software will not execute properly because of the blank area.



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